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Restaurant, bar, and hotel licensing

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DIA regulates food businesses like restaurants, bars (including those that only serve beverages), cafeterias, catering operations, mobile food trucks, farmers markets, temporary events, vending machines, grocery and convenience stores, bakeries and home bakeries, and food processing plants and warehouses. DIA also regulates hotels, motels, and inns (including bed-and-breakfast inns).

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Complaints

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Submit a complaint for DIA to review about:

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- Restaurants, bars, grocery stores, home bakeries, etc.
 - Hotels, motels, or bed-and-breakfast inns
 - Nursing homes, assisted living programs, hospitals, etc.
 - Dependent adult abuse
 - Social or charitable gambling violation
 - Administrative law judges who work for DIA

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Direct Care Worker Registry

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In Iowa, only certified nursing assistants (CNAs), also referred to as nurse's aides, are placed on the Direct Care Worker Registry. Find out how to be added to the registry, how to transfer to the Iowa registry, how to transfer to another state registry, how to stay active on the registry, how to update

your own information in the registry, and more.

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Social & charitable gambling

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DIA regulates games of skill or chance, raffles, bingo, social gambling and amusement devices in Iowa. Qualified organizations may obtain a gambling license to conduct fund-raising activities benefiting educational, civic, public, charitable, patriotic, or religious purposes. License holders may also [login here to file a gambling report for 2021](#).

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Consumable hemp

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DIA handles registration for consumable hemp retailers and manufacturers. Consumable hemp products include, but are not limited to: food, chew or snuff, or topical application (e.g., lotions, tinctures). **Consumable hemp products do not include those intended to be introduced into the human body by any method of inhalation, which are prohibited under Iowa Code 204.14A.** Violation of Iowa Code 204.14A(1) is a criminal offense (serious misdemeanor).

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Records

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Records requests can be made by filling out [DIA's online form](#), by phone ([515.281.7102](#)), fax ([515.242.6863](#)), or mail, or in person at DIA's main office in the Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Some records you can access online via DIA's online databases, such as [health facility reports](#) and certified nursing assistant status on the [Iowa Direct Care Registry](#), and [restaurant and other food inspections](#).

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New 2022 Food License-Related Legislation

The 89th Iowa General Assembly [passed new legislation \(HF2431\)](#) during the 2022 session that affects food licensing rules in Iowa.

Home food processing establishment licenses

HF2431 creates a new home food processing establishment (HFPE) license. This license will effectively replace home bakery licenses and adds the ability for licensees to make, package, and process other food products.

New HFPE license applications will be accepted once administrative rules have been approved and new procedures and mechanisms have been established and put into place. Those who do not currently have a food license may not sell food products under the provisions of this new license type until they have been granted a license. No new home bakery licenses will be issued after July 1, 2022.

At this time, it is expected the new HFPE license application will be available in the fall. Please check this website for additional updates, including answers to basic questions regarding what is and isn't allowed with the new license. Or, click the blue button link below to sign up for DIA food business licensing news via email or SMS text.

“Cottage” food changes

HF 2431 also expands what foods can be prepared in the home and offered for sale directly from a producer to a consumer without licensing or inspections. Although there are some exceptions, beginning July 1, 2022, most foods that do not need to be kept cold or hot for safety may be sold directly to the consumer, **provided they meet certain labeling requirements**. Additional information on cottage foods will be available soon on our website. Or, click the blue button link below to sign up for DIA food business licensing news via email or SMS text.

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Events, food trucks, farmers markets

The weather's warming up - do you need to apply for a food license? Make sure you apply well enough in advance so you don't have any issues getting your license on time!

- [Farmers market licenses](#) cost \$150, and applications should be submitted **at least two weeks** before the event.
- [Temporary food establishment licenses](#) (both single event and annual) should be submitted **at least 30 days** before the event. Single event licenses cost \$50. Annual licenses are \$200.
- [Event registrations](#) cost \$50 and applications should be submitted **at least 60 days** before the event.
- **Mobile food unit licenses** cost \$250 for an annual license and should be submitted **at least 30 days** before operating.

[Visit DIA's main page for food and hotel licensing](#), which includes information on mobile food unit licenses.

Learn how to apply for a temporary food establishment license online by **watching the video**.

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